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SUBJECT: EFFECT OF RIFT VALLEY FEVER (RVF)

- ON LIVESTOCK

1. FAO HAS RESPONDED TO GOE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO CONTROL RVF. FAO WILL FINANCE PURCHASE OF VACCINE, AND PROVIDE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT IN ADDITION TO SHORT TERM CONSULTANT TO ASSIST VETERINARY LABORATORIES PRODUCE VACCINE LOCALLY.

2. DR. JERRY S. WALKER, USDA SUPERVISORY VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER, USDA/SEA/PLUM ISLAND ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL CENTER, ATTENDED RVF SYMPOSIUM APRIL 24/25 SPONSORED BY WHO AND NAMRU-3 (U.S. NAVY), AND CONDUCTED SHORT FIELD INVESTIGATION OF RVF. DR. WALKER IS INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY AUTHORITY ON RVF. HE PLANS TO BE IN CAIRO JUNE 19-JULY 11 AS FAO CONSULTANT WITH MOA ON RVF CONTROL.

3. USDA/SEA IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING SFC (PL-480) RESEARCH GRANT TO STUDY RVV EPIDEMIOLOGY AND CONTROL
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INCLUDING VACCINE PRODUCTION.

4. FYI INDICATIONS ARE THAT RVF OUTBREAK LAST FALL WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON SHEEP AND GOAT PRODUCTION BECAUSE OF DEATHS AND ABORTIONS. A ROUGH UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATE IS THAT PRODUCTION ON NATIONAL BASIS MAY BE REDUCED 10 PERCENT OR MORE. END FYI.

5. FOR MORE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON EFFECTS OF
RVF ON LIVESTOCK SUGGEST CONTACT DR. W.M. MOULTON
USDA/APHIS BELTSVILLE, OR DR. JAMES MOULTHROP,
EUROPEAN-AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE, VETERINARY SERVICES,
APHIS, USDA, AMEMBASSY ROME; OR DR. WALKER, PLUM
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